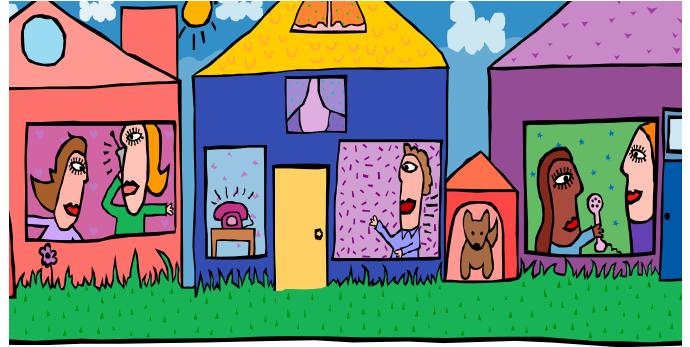


# Make Your Neighborhood Safe

## Pre-reading

### Questions:

- Is your neighborhood safe for children?
- Do you know who your neighbors are?



### Definitions:

- Neighborhood – people who live near each other
- Concern – something we worry or care about

## Reading

12 Keeping kids safe is everyone's concern. Knowing your neighbors can make your  
neighborhood safer. Here are some ideas to help make your neighborhood safer.

- 24 ♦ Find out who your neighbors are. For your safety, take another adult or family  
39 member with when you introduce yourself to the neighbors you do not know.  
52 ♦ Learn the names of children, teens and adults. Say hello to them and smile.  
67 ♦ Get a small group of neighbors together to plan a neighborhood picnic. The  
81 picnic will be a safe place for neighbors to get to know each other.  
95 ♦ Ask your local Police Department to help you develop a safe neighborhood  
108 program. The program can identify safe homes in the neighborhood. Then, if  
120 a child needs help, they will know which homes are safe to go to for help.  
136 ♦ Make time to talk with your neighbors. Get to know them.  
148 ♦ Invite your neighbors over for a visit so your children can meet them. Children  
163 need to know their neighbors too.  
169 ♦ If your children know your neighbors, they will be more **comfortable** going to  
183 the neighbor for help.

187 Remember, keeping kids safe is everyone's job. Getting to know your neighbors  
199 can make your neighborhood a safer place to live.  
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## Understanding

1. Whose job is it to keep kids safe? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Why is it important for your children to get to know the neighbors? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Who could you contact to help you develop a safe neighborhood program? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Who should you take with you when you go to meet the neighbors you do not know?  
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5. What does the word **comfortable** mean? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Who are neighbors? \_\_\_\_\_

## Writing

Choice A: Write about your neighborhood. Is it a safe place to live?

Choice B: What ideas did the story give you to make your neighborhood a safe place?

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